(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक में वृद्धि

2252. श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा : क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) एक अप्रैल, 1987 से 15 जुलाई, 1987 तक उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई है;

(ख) क्या सरकार केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों को महंगाई भत्ते की एक किश्त देने की घोषणा करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो सके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में व्यय विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी० के० गडवी) : (क) अखिल भारतीय उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक आंकड़े माह के अन्त में ही प्राप्त होते हैं। इस लिये 15 जुलाई, 1987 का उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक उपलब्ध नहीं है। 1-4-1987 को सूचकांक 686 था तथा 1-7-1987 को वह 715 था। प्रतिशत-अनुपात वृद्धि 4.23 है।

(ख) और (ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों को 1-7-1987 से महंगाई भत्ता दिये जाने से संबंधित प्रश्न विचाराधीन है और शीघ्र ही निर्णय से लिया जायेगा।

Bank loans to Reliance Industries Ltd.

2253. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the report of enquiry committee headed by Dr. C. Rangarajan, Governor R.B.I. on bank loans to Reliance Industries (RIL);

(b) if so, what action has been taken against Reliance Industries (RIL); and

(c) whether RIL has been fined for violating the terms of loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The Committee set up by Reserve Bank of India under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan, Deputy Governor, RBI enquired into the circumstances leading to and connected with the advances made by some commercial banks to companies which were associates of Reliance Industries Ltd. against the security of shares/debentures of RIL. Based on the report of the Committee, the banks which had given advances to companies connected with RIL against the security of shares/debentures of RIL were directed by R.B.I. to take steps to recall the loans in question, except in the case of any company, where the banks were satisfied that it had utilised the entire loan for the purpose for which it was given. Since RIL itself had not taken the loan, there was no question of imposing any fine for violating the terms of the loan.

Main battle tank

2254. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Main Battle Tank is going to be ready for battle effectiveness, as per the present estimates;

(b) what are the time and cost overruns, if any, and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there has been an effective coordination between the designers and manufacturtrs and the Army Headquarters, if so, how and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) As per the present estimates the Main Battle Tank 'Arjun' is scheduled to go in bulk production by 1990-91.

(b) The first prototype tank was completed in Oct. 1983, two months ahead of schedule. The original sanctioned cost

of Rs. 15.50 crores in 1974 has been revised to Rs. 280.80 crores in May 87. The revision has been due to the changes in Army Qualitative Requirements, fabrication of increased number of prototypes and manufacture of pre-production series tanks for smooth transfer of technology for bulk production.

(c) There has been a very effective co-ordination between the designers, manufacturer and the users at various levels. This is ensured through high level Steering Committee and discussion at working levels between there agencies.

Financing of co-operative spinning mills

2255. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of Co-operative spinning mills financed so far by the Government of India through several financial agencies all over the country;

(b) how many of the co-op spinning millls in Maharashtra have been refused finance when they have already been cleared licence in years, 1980-82 by the Textile Ministry; and

(c) what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The Information is being collected and to the extent available and permissible under the rules will be laid on the Table of the House.

Loan assistance against small savings collections

2256. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loan assistance from Government of India against small savings collections in Maharashtra is short of its normal due share of loan allocation;

(b) if so, what is the amount of small savings and proportion of loans received by Maharashtra from year 1980-81 to 1985-86 and what will be the project loan assistance and present estimates from year 1986-87 to year 1989-90; and

(c) what will be the shortfall to Maharashtra in loan allocation as per the approved norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Information regarding net small savings collections and loans sanctioned to Maharashtra is given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Net small savings collections in Post Offices	Loans sanctioned
1980-81 . . .	19992	16304
1981-82 . . .	26097	17926
1982-83 . . .	31575	21927
1983-84 . . .	51762	31732
1984-85 . . .	68146	43596
1985-86 . . .	83217	55981
1986-87 . . .	29969 (Provisional)	57200 (includes ad-hoc loan of Rs. 42.50 crores)

No projections have been made for loan assistance to Maharashtra is 1988-89 and 1989-90.

(Figures given above indicate net collection during the period April to March of each financial year. Loans are sanctioned against net collections during the period January to December.)